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# Introduction

## PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The 2012 Census of Agriculture Specialty Crop publication provides data that supplement the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series publications. As a service to agricultural and economic data users, the 2012 data for specialty crops are published at the U.S. and state-level. Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. §1621 note) and amended under section 10010 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79 (the Farm Bill) defines specialty crops as “fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture).” Eligible plants must be cultivated or managed and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered specialty crops. See the Appendix in this publication for further definition of specialty crops. This is the second time NASS has summarized and published the census of agriculture data for specialty crops.

## AUTHORITY

The 2012 Census of Agriculture is required by law under the “Census of Agriculture Act of 1997,” Public Law 105-113 (Title 7, United States Code, Section 2204g). The law directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a census of agriculture every fifth year, covering the prior year.

## FARM DEFINITION

The census definition of a farm is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The definition has changed nine times since it was established in 1850. The current definition was first used for the 1974 Census of Agriculture and has been used in each subsequent agriculture census. This definition is

consistent with the definition used for current USDA surveys.

## DATA COMPARABILITY

Most data are comparable between the 2012 and 2007 censuses. A few changes were made to the 2012 census report form. The total area for nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture crops was collected in 2012 and for this category the data are not comparable between the 2007 and 2012 Specialty Crops publications. See the Appendix, Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture for further information and also 2012 Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series, Part 51, Appendix B, ([http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full\\_Report/Volume\\_1,\\_Chapter\\_1\\_US/usappxb.pdf](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_1_US/usappxb.pdf)) for a detailed discussion of these changes. Dollar figures are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation.

## REFERENCE PERIOD

Reference periods used were:

- Crop acreage reference is for the calendar year, except for a few crops such as avocados, citrus, olives, and pineapples for which the production year overlaps the calendar year. See the Appendix for further information regarding these exceptions.
- Crop sales and hired farm labor data are measured for the calendar year.

## TABLES AND APPENDIX

**Data Tables.** Tables 1 through 7 show detailed U.S.-level data cross-tabulated by several categories. Corresponding State-level data are presented in Tables 8 through 14.

**Appendix.** Includes the definitions of specific terms and phrases used in the publication, including items in the publication tables that carry the note “see text.”

## **RESPONDENT CONFIDENTIALITY**

In keeping with the provisions of Title 7 of the United States Code, no data are published that would disclose information about the operations of an individual farm or ranch. All tabulated data are subject to an extensive disclosure review prior to publication. Any tabulated item that identifies data reported by a respondent or allows a respondent’s data to be accurately estimated or derived was suppressed and coded with a ‘(D)’. However, the number of farms reporting an item is not considered confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

## **DATA PRODUCTS**

The 2012 Census of Agriculture Specialty Crop publication and other census products are available on the NASS website at [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).

## **SPECIAL STUDIES AND CUSTOM TABULATIONS**

Special studies such as the 2012 Census of Agriculture Specialty Crop publication provide supplemental information to the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Results are published on the Internet.

Custom-designed tabulations may be developed when data are not published elsewhere. These tabulations are developed to individual user specifications on a cost-reimbursable basis and shared with the public. *Quick Stats 2.0*, NASS’s online database that allows data users to build customized queries, should be investigated before requesting a custom tabulation.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS**

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (NA) Not available.

**Table 1. Specialty Crops by Acres — United States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Crop	Total		Irrigated	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
All specialty crops .....	244,974	14,004,762	139,026	8,756,695
Land in orchards .....	106,488	5,199,729	60,340	4,257,033
Noncitrus (see text) .....	69,233	2,209,192	(NA)	(NA)
Citrus .....	13,055	877,701	(NA)	(NA)
Tree nuts (see text) .....	36,302	2,112,869	(NA)	(NA)
Land in berries .....	30,538	289,913	15,237	219,331
Land in vegetables .....	72,045	4,180,891	36,900	2,994,823
Pulse crops (see text) .....	9,940	2,816,683	3,361	526,527
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	54,557	892,089	43,767	597,377
Cut Christmas trees <sup>1</sup> .....	15,494	309,365	1,383	12,982
Short rotation woody crops <sup>1</sup> .....	2,403	163,625	431	16,429
Maple syrup (gallons) .....	8,261	2,296,317	(X)	(X)
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	1,081	152,467	723	132,192

<sup>1</sup> Acres in production.

**Table 2. Land in Farms, Harvested Cropland, Irrigated Land, and Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States: 2012**

Crop	Farms	Land in farms (acres)	Harvested cropland on operation (acres)	Irrigated land on operation (acres)	Market value of agricultural products sold (\$1,000)	
					Total	All crops
All specialty crops .....	244,974	69,421,278	38,946,620	15,288,373	83,377,662	76,099,264
Farms by size:						
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	37,459	82,046	63,201	43,450	866,825	854,533
5.0 to 14.9 acres .....	52,040	441,440	232,208	133,108	2,255,516	2,180,709
15.0 to 24.9 acres .....	26,267	497,835	234,629	129,818	1,896,881	1,815,324
25.0 to 49.9 acres .....	32,883	1,164,886	481,429	242,373	2,958,827	2,763,450
50.0 to 99.9 acres .....	30,856	2,161,016	860,049	384,571	4,320,868	3,935,636
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	29,688	4,589,961	1,972,985	892,406	7,871,356	7,040,602
250.0 to 499.9 acres .....	12,996	4,528,058	2,414,861	1,151,579	7,939,978	7,205,665
500.0 to 749.9 acres .....	5,590	3,373,767	2,096,761	987,037	5,762,459	5,029,069
750.0 to 999.9 acres .....	3,244	2,796,329	1,878,979	815,923	4,505,673	4,101,326
1,000 acres or more .....	13,951	49,785,940	28,711,518	10,508,108	44,999,279	41,172,950
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	6,469	8,917,444	6,275,690	2,486,045	12,526,224	11,228,489
2,000 to 4,999 acres .....	5,339	16,091,164	11,665,957	3,654,617	16,309,190	15,033,324
5,000 acres or more .....	2,143	24,777,332	10,769,871	4,367,446	16,163,864	14,911,136
Land in orchards .....	106,488	21,999,714	9,097,569	6,523,727	32,164,747	29,181,572
Noncitrus (see text) .....	69,233	11,183,590	4,750,211	3,482,788	20,398,907	19,455,596
Citrus .....	13,055	3,306,073	1,420,613	1,330,090	5,638,925	5,346,885
Tree nuts (see text) .....	36,302	10,713,231	4,910,431	3,546,770	14,824,937	12,722,000
Land in berries .....	30,538	3,613,154	1,510,054	623,265	6,967,899	6,549,570
Land in vegetables .....	72,045	23,651,337	15,030,164	7,316,622	31,338,291	28,807,934
Pulse crops (see text) .....	9,940	21,920,926	15,367,203	2,754,448	10,951,260	9,794,901
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	54,557	7,012,479	3,113,265	1,620,905	19,301,623	18,595,216
Cut Christmas trees .....	15,494	1,751,908	633,746	59,300	808,644	757,366
Short rotation woody crops .....	2,403	417,735	217,698	27,834	116,262	105,291
Maple syrup .....	8,261	1,373,468	380,079	8,218	545,376	242,751
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	1,081	780,737	583,711	429,621	1,404,082	1,333,452

**Table 3. Legal Status for Tax Purposes on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Crop	Total		Family or individual		Partnership	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
All specialty crops .....	244,974	14,004,762	190,937	5,496,256	21,644	3,285,421
Land in orchards .....	106,488	5,199,729	83,578	1,903,607	10,358	1,362,468
Noncitrus (see text) .....	69,233	2,209,192	53,567	826,388	6,756	508,259
Citrus .....	13,055	877,701	9,378	223,295	1,563	264,223
Tree nuts (see text) .....	36,302	2,112,869	29,876	853,952	3,305	589,987
Land in berries .....	30,538	289,913	24,891	102,569	2,251	44,579
Land in vegetables .....	72,045	4,180,891	58,775	1,364,571	5,938	1,125,833
Pulse crops (see text) .....	9,940	2,816,683	6,839	1,597,943	1,257	535,710
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	54,557	892,089	37,370	240,167	4,722	128,798
Cut Christmas trees <sup>1</sup> .....	15,494	309,365	13,257	181,823	1,129	60,413
Short rotation woody crops <sup>1</sup> .....	2,403	163,625	1,985	59,267	130	9,955
Maple syrup (gallons) .....	8,261	2,296,317	7,139	1,676,920	631	395,393
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	1,081	152,467	684	46,309	106	17,665
Crop	Corporation (family held)		Corporation (other than family held)		Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
All specialty crops .....	23,706	4,148,989	3,488	770,016	5,199	304,081
Land in orchards .....	8,564	1,460,231	1,204	296,340	2,784	177,083
Noncitrus (see text) .....	6,232	679,181	910	139,226	1,768	56,137
Citrus .....	1,251	302,717	214	50,297	649	37,170
Tree nuts (see text) .....	2,019	478,335	224	106,817	878	83,777
Land in berries .....	2,488	118,915	322	14,706	586	9,145
Land in vegetables .....	5,264	1,366,352	714	261,526	1,354	62,609
Pulse crops (see text) .....	1,655	619,876	62	28,442	127	34,712
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	9,371	429,512	1,687	79,420	1,407	14,192
Cut Christmas trees <sup>1</sup> .....	826	54,623	78	8,980	204	3,526
Short rotation woody crops <sup>1</sup> .....	199	17,396	40	75,751	49	1,256
Maple syrup (gallons) .....	285	159,160	47	41,414	159	23,430
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	227	82,083	27	4,851	37	1,559

<sup>1</sup> Acres in production.

Table 4. Hired Farm Labor on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States: 2012

Crop	All hired labor		Workers by days worked				Migrant labor	
			Less than 150 days		150 days or more		On farms with hired labor (farms)	On farms reporting only contract labor (farms)
	Farms	Workers	Farms	Workers	Farms	Workers		
All specialty crops .....	105,423	1,351,219	81,528	883,567	55,397	467,652	10,858	1,878
Land in orchards .....	45,315	644,789	34,926	459,225	22,696	185,564	5,597	1,243
Noncitrus (see text) .....	30,896	542,607	24,642	398,561	15,520	144,046	4,688	876
Citrus .....	5,956	68,157	3,844	40,545	3,219	27,612	505	274
Tree nuts (see text) .....	13,757	134,903	10,214	82,106	7,080	52,797	1,001	212
Land in berries .....	12,132	235,483	10,354	163,915	5,624	71,568	1,552	241
Land in vegetables .....	29,835	399,977	23,985	258,528	15,799	141,449	3,544	270
Pulse crops (see text) .....	6,224	43,881	4,435	26,337	4,262	17,544	597	50
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	28,446	345,247	21,120	168,471	17,730	176,776	1,955	175
Cut Christmas trees .....	5,347	41,566	4,793	33,461	1,536	8,105	414	99
Short rotation woody crops .....	760	3,556	623	2,551	280	1,005	40	10
Maple syrup .....	2,210	9,230	1,764	6,828	888	2,402	57	2
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	634	18,316	487	11,552	464	6,764	131	8

Table 5. Principal Operator Characteristics on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States: 2012

Crop	Operators	Sex of operator		Primary occupation		Days worked off farm	
		Male	Female	Farming	Other	None	Any
All specialty crops .....	244,974	207,408	37,566	134,649	110,325	98,782	146,192
Land in orchards .....	106,488	91,515	14,973	54,391	52,097	40,658	65,830
Noncitrus (see text) .....	69,233	58,827	10,406	35,800	33,433	25,809	43,424
Citrus .....	13,055	10,907	2,148	6,690	6,365	4,769	8,286
Tree nuts (see text) .....	36,302	31,712	4,590	18,534	17,768	14,734	21,568
Land in berries .....	30,538	24,315	6,223	16,986	13,552	11,605	18,933
Land in vegetables .....	72,045	59,425	12,620	45,823	26,222	30,377	41,668
Pulse crops (see text) .....	9,940	9,584	356	8,697	1,243	6,338	3,602
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	54,557	42,786	11,771	32,426	22,131	24,090	30,467
Cut Christmas trees .....	15,494	13,848	1,646	6,283	9,211	5,262	10,232
Short rotation woody crops .....	2,403	2,095	308	877	1,526	724	1,679
Maple syrup .....	8,261	7,453	808	3,842	4,419	2,779	5,482
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	1,081	925	156	808	273	529	552
Percent of operator's total household income from farming							
Crop		Less than 25 percent	25 to 49 percent	50 to 74 percent	75 to 99 percent	100 percent	Average age of operator
All specialty crops .....		161,276	20,534	24,401	19,601	19,162	58.3
Land in orchards .....		75,806	8,920	9,921	6,598	5,243	60.5
Noncitrus (see text) .....		49,538	5,498	6,251	4,220	3,726	59.8
Citrus .....		9,521	1,150	1,206	692	486	62.3
Tree nuts (see text) .....		25,322	3,200	3,573	2,454	1,753	61.3
Land in berries .....		21,184	2,273	2,687	2,161	2,233	56.4
Land in vegetables .....		43,714	6,300	7,622	7,036	7,373	55.7
Pulse crops (see text) .....		1,873	871	1,851	2,725	2,620	54.1
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....		31,949	5,155	6,147	5,070	6,236	56.5
Cut Christmas trees .....		12,746	983	916	440	409	60.8
Short rotation woody crops .....		2,053	125	122	52	51	58.2
Maple syrup .....		5,811	621	699	570	560	55.3
Other specialty crops (see text) .....		527	80	133	147	194	55.9

Table 6. Race and Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin of Principal Operator on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States: 2012

Crop	Operators	Operators reporting one race					Operators reporting more than one race	Operators reporting Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin
		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White		
All specialty crops .....	244,974	4,254	8,980	3,576	674	225,676	1,814	15,371
Land in orchards .....	106,488	1,283	5,070	1,148	413	97,526	1,048	10,166
Noncitrus (see text) .....	69,233	674	3,867	607	313	63,031	741	6,438
Citrus .....	13,055	145	785	81	91	11,817	136	1,561
Tree nuts (see text) .....	36,302	643	1,432	656	107	33,070	394	3,326
Land in berries .....	30,538	278	554	300	41	29,099	266	1,018
Land in vegetables .....	72,045	2,726	2,572	2,226	136	63,880	505	3,015
Pulse crops (see text) .....	9,940	157	74	103	10	9,574	22	203
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	54,557	273	1,971	408	139	51,374	392	2,698
Cut Christmas trees .....	15,494	67	34	31	4	15,279	79	173
Short rotation woody crops .....	2,403	26	4	68	6	2,285	14	72
Maple syrup .....	8,261	18	-	7	-	8,199	37	51
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	1,081	6	150	7	70	814	34	46

**Table 7. Selected Operator Characteristics on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States: 2012**

[Data are for a maximum of three operators]

Crop	Operators	Women operators	Average age of operators	Operators reporting one race	
				American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian
All specialty crops .....	388,708	124,237	56.2	6,845	14,086
Land in orchards .....	167,207	52,458	58.3	1,926	7,681
Noncitrus (see text) .....	110,890	36,296	57.6	1,036	5,846
Citrus .....	19,837	5,934	60.2	209	1,213
Tree nuts (see text) .....	56,409	17,006	59.1	931	2,240
Land in berries .....	51,274	19,555	54.5	457	999
Land in vegetables .....	118,506	40,025	53.5	4,529	4,353
Pulse crops (see text) .....	15,781	3,057	52.6	253	136
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	88,619	31,635	54.6	454	3,196
Cut Christmas trees .....	23,963	7,344	58.7	111	85
Short rotation woody crops .....	3,639	1,126	56.4	35	9
Maple syrup .....	13,622	4,302	53.3	38	8
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	1,850	513	53.8	14	257
Operators reporting one race - con.				Operators reporting more than one race	Operators reporting Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin
Crop	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White		
All specialty crops .....	5,082	1,027	358,712	2,956	24,460
Land in orchards .....	1,657	639	153,614	1,690	15,962
Noncitrus (see text) .....	890	500	101,400	1,218	10,428
Citrus .....	126	134	17,929	226	2,421
Tree nuts (see text) .....	948	182	51,479	629	5,090
Land in berries .....	487	65	48,858	408	1,779
Land in vegetables .....	3,123	219	105,472	810	4,924
Pulse crops (see text) .....	139	10	15,205	38	359
Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text) .....	650	226	83,454	639	4,524
Cut Christmas trees .....	48	8	23,585	126	293
Short rotation woody crops .....	95	11	3,456	33	116
Maple syrup .....	9	4	13,483	80	96
Other specialty crops (see text) .....	10	101	1,416	52	84

**Table 8. Specialty Crops Acres – United States and States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	All specialty crops			Land in orchards			Land in berries		
	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated
United States .....	244,974	14,004,762	8,756,695	106,488	5,199,729	4,257,033	30,538	289,913	219,331
Alabama .....	3,633	62,949	24,739	1,522	19,675	2,606	461	1,154	521
Alaska .....	298	1,429	910	17	21	6	54	42	13
Arizona .....	3,473	193,269	191,164	1,136	46,182	46,176	38	22	10
Arkansas .....	1,438	32,527	11,707	536	13,681	1,826	240	893	729
California .....	45,646	4,338,625	4,246,419	38,098	3,138,943	3,072,245	1,985	52,626	52,626
Colorado .....	2,382	150,386	134,605	808	6,338	6,338	123	85	55
Connecticut .....	2,299	26,464	6,986	365	3,335	400	469	1,049	360
Delaware .....	337	41,442	19,734	21	450	421	57	98	69
Florida .....	14,483	957,991	782,339	7,529	579,068	491,083	1,460	19,568	14,852
Georgia .....	6,208	277,760	153,595	3,353	139,111	71,308	871	14,374	9,943
Hawaii .....	5,236	73,676	18,068	3,488	35,832	8,234	-	-	-
Idaho .....	3,294	629,276	499,972	482	6,529	6,329	267	201	141
Illinois .....	3,254	106,556	40,521	926	5,743	713	473	749	349
Indiana .....	2,935	63,252	22,562	588	3,385	366	488	1,172	506
Iowa .....	2,295	18,931	4,161	752	2,974	255	405	679	149
Kansas .....	1,254	37,003	16,274	489	7,100	360	169	185	70
Kentucky .....	4,282	17,745	5,873	939	3,092	322	844	866	242
Louisiana .....	2,293	42,862	11,922	1,007	17,936	2,425	244	816	411
Maine .....	3,427	124,378	27,523	507	3,536	295	1,109	39,734	12,403
Maryland .....	1,632	48,208	22,367	358	3,973	806	315	480	263
Massachusetts .....	3,231	43,679	21,949	456	4,146	765	1,137	15,727	14,207
Michigan .....	9,731	552,962	147,232	2,502	111,372	13,608	1,444	23,389	16,447
Minnesota .....	5,075	415,541	71,888	881	5,043	806	549	1,158	605
Mississippi .....	2,758	67,180	10,613	788	9,843	1,530	493	2,675	1,765
Missouri .....	3,258	54,092	21,632	1,197	18,769	2,872	665	799	281
Montana .....	2,066	543,524	50,188	324	1,168	818	81	42	22
Nebraska .....	1,795	172,175	156,151	372	1,286	339	140	144	43
Nevada .....	306	16,488	15,863	130	945	945	34	20	20
New Hampshire .....	1,737	10,542	1,977	250	1,808	109	419	1,068	405
New Jersey .....	3,312	102,804	66,776	569	8,791	5,123	531	13,872	10,955
New Mexico .....	4,979	86,585	84,550	3,443	45,722	44,299	138	50	32
New York .....	9,416	290,232	50,042	2,629	93,661	9,827	1,542	4,217	1,566
North Carolina .....	8,213	229,124	44,014	1,687	12,899	1,905	1,457	8,427	4,470
North Dakota .....	2,753	1,158,921	39,214	54	145	42	57	64	14
Ohio .....	6,169	75,782	27,062	1,406	9,484	551	1,200	1,793	685
Oklahoma .....	3,574	136,575	25,988	2,736	105,728	2,750	166	345	114
Oregon .....	9,319	488,082	288,464	3,594	98,211	45,708	1,651	24,573	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,913	147,055	24,723	2,282	41,437	3,708	1,940	2,671	865
Rhode Island .....	547	7,902	3,613	74	378	98	110	339	160
South Carolina .....	3,344	85,589	45,273	1,122	23,059	11,070	548	1,450	701
South Dakota .....	469	31,773	4,427	108	372	140	59	68	15
Tennessee .....	3,266	74,000	25,050	719	3,036	572	648	990	421
Texas .....	10,987	428,334	219,608	6,966	204,306	69,369	595	2,048	1,111
Utah .....	1,490	21,730	21,421	712	8,007	7,797	143	383	383
Vermont .....	3,029	11,236	2,097	378	2,360	370	535	749	280
Virginia .....	4,538	71,287	19,589	1,365	19,114	2,477	800	1,120	440
Washington .....	10,074	1,012,658	777,953	4,846	315,456	315,398	1,828	24,076	24,010
West Virginia .....	1,876	12,482	1,154	613	6,691	136	442	490	97
Wisconsin .....	7,214	367,253	202,407	1,321	9,481	1,315	1,099	22,362	21,426
Wyoming .....	436	44,448	44,335	43	109	71	15	12	(D)

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**Table 8. Specialty Crops Acres – United States and States: 2012 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Land in vegetables			Pulse crops (see text)			Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture (see text)		
	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated
United States .....	72,045	4,180,891	2,994,823	9,940	2,816,683	526,527	54,557	892,089	597,377
Alabama .....	1,388	15,060	4,316	48	(D)	(D)	671	(D)	(D)
Alaska .....	164	1,052	744	1	(D)	-	199	(D)	(D)
Arizona .....	1,945	119,610	119,400	153	(D)	(D)	516	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	625	10,960	5,491	-	-	-	291	6,140	3,647
California .....	6,055	985,735	985,731	368	(D)	(D)	4,139	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	763	83,020	83,020	352	43,833	33,464	663	12,689	11,395
Connecticut .....	935	8,945	1,962	9	(D)	(D)	910	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	222	38,321	17,549	-	-	-	97	2,255	1,650
Florida .....	1,614	215,481	171,495	80	4,228	(D)	5,401	(D)	102,837
Georgia .....	1,562	92,811	51,931	15	(D)	(D)	968	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	960	8,269	5,725	-	-	-	1,457	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	1,307	369,404	369,260	1,095	203,387	(D)	785	(D)	20,171
Illinois .....	1,370	69,847	27,853	15	(D)	-	1,012	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,376	37,498	13,537	8	71	(D)	911	(D)	(D)
Iowa .....	962	7,647	2,082	4	(D)	(D)	657	5,836	(D)
Kansas .....	441	7,074	5,529	36	15,983	7,033	390	5,650	3,222
Kentucky .....	2,222	7,196	2,621	2	(D)	-	1,308	5,922	(D)
Louisiana .....	661	12,010	4,764	7	(D)	(D)	594	(D)	(D)
Maine .....	1,473	72,409	13,324	19	(D)	(D)	1,148	2,238	(D)
Maryland .....	789	28,131	12,625	2	(D)	-	553	13,328	(D)
Massachusetts .....	1,404	17,260	4,794	9	(D)	(D)	1,056	3,491	(D)
Michigan .....	2,980	156,209	91,665	1,127	(D)	7,100	2,277	28,185	(D)
Minnesota .....	2,623	223,828	33,327	640	(D)	(D)	963	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	1,210	28,703	2,735	24	(D)	(D)	471	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	1,215	20,028	12,799	11	(D)	(D)	1,025	7,838	(D)
Montana .....	325	9,300	9,300	1,122	529,453	37,816	400	2,094	1,842
Nebraska .....	474	25,931	24,098	610	139,341	128,015	485	4,663	3,593
Nevada .....	154	12,006	12,006	-	-	-	101	(D)	(D)
New Hampshire .....	682	3,789	1,053	7	(D)	-	550	(D)	402
New Jersey .....	1,127	45,528	30,970	2	(D)	-	1,300	29,953	19,364
New Mexico .....	2,085	27,370	27,357	26	11,153	11,153	381	(D)	1,685
New York .....	3,467	132,610	28,472	98	(D)	94	2,257	23,192	(D)
North Carolina .....	3,283	122,516	23,051	33	(D)	(D)	2,530	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	262	88,741	25,344	2,445	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	2,440	34,386	15,646	9	(D)	-	1,723	(D)	10,016
Oklahoma .....	492	10,090	5,832	15	(D)	(D)	342	18,161	(D)
Oregon .....	1,889	145,813	120,117	188	(D)	(D)	2,458	58,763	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	3,968	48,622	13,351	24	631	(D)	3,073	21,391	(D)
Rhode Island .....	243	2,217	612	-	-	-	294	4,395	(D)
South Carolina .....	1,407	25,373	17,242	18	(D)	8	677	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	179	838	221	85	28,411	(D)	154	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	1,284	29,325	7,520	-	-	-	1,164	(D)	16,510
Texas .....	2,296	124,133	84,517	189	(D)	(D)	1,873	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	786	5,999	5,999	4	(D)	(D)	299	6,039	(D)
Vermont .....	789	3,699	1,176	20	48	8	681	631	247
Virginia .....	1,656	21,072	10,114	-	-	-	1,464	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	2,836	337,859	320,915	731	(D)	(D)	1,786	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	729	2,190	551	-	-	-	389	(D)	315
Wisconsin .....	2,873	284,074	164,177	17	5,587	(D)	1,548	17,320	(D)
Wyoming .....	53	905	905	272	42,650	42,650	92	(D)	(D)

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**Table 8. Specialty Crops Acres – United States and States: 2012 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Cut Christmas trees			Short rotation woody crops			Maple syrup			Other specialty crops		
	Farms	Acres in production	Acres irrigated	Farms	Acres in production	Acres irrigated	Farms	Taps	Gallons	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated
United States .....	15,494	309,365	12,982	2,403	163,625	16,429	8,261	11,353,403	2,296,317	1,081	152,467	132,192
Alabama .....	67	680	(D)	46	2,044	25	-	-	-	2	(D)	-
Alaska .....	4	10	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	6	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	29	227	14	22	627	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
California .....	385	13,805	1,181	65	542	158	-	-	-	79	6,371	6,029
Colorado .....	105	3,413	123	25	737	67	-	-	-	23	271	144
Connecticut .....	620	5,389	47	-	-	-	166	63,985	10,495	-	-	-
Delaware .....	31	318	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	114	946	99	208	5,625	(D)	-	-	-	2	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	145	1,488	239	124	5,864	303	-	-	-	4	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	20	52	7	16	(D)	4	-	-	-	326	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	88	759	63	60	1,476	279	-	-	-	134	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	271	2,818	46	66	1,140	171	40	10,201	3,331	7	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	202	2,505	90	58	434	16	171	49,496	12,449	27	(D)	5,217
Iowa .....	161	1,370	32	10	204	(D)	38	5,507	828	8	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	76	545	38	18	466	22	2	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	120	588	17	9	68	4	42	4,750	531	8	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	60	494	52	93	(D)	13	2	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
Maine .....	387	5,694	9	15	398	-	517	1,884,466	443,024	1	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	173	2,188	89	12	98	10	12	16,039	2,423	5	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	471	2,770	151	18	244	(D)	279	228,955	42,074	9	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	1,077	37,908	5,089	232	4,398	123	648	433,516	69,017	34	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	301	6,935	343	62	1,942	(D)	194	83,056	10,776	2	(D)	-
Mississippi .....	66	749	-	193	18,315	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	98	1,324	119	52	2,487	(D)	20	1,029	144	1	(D)	-
Montana .....	55	1,150	75	-	-	-	2	(D)	(D)	6	317	316
Nebraska .....	73	642	54	18	163	8	-	-	-	6	6	-
Nevada .....	2	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1,627	1,627
New Hampshire .....	248	3,243	9	3	7	-	518	495,588	82,574	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	809	4,611	360	13	45	4	33	2,685	406	1	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	12	26	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	(D)	-
New York .....	1,185	18,623	651	107	7,452	733	1,460	2,064,864	358,603	24	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,370	40,352	314	55	266	(D)	9	1,130	197	41	7,150	(D)
North Dakota .....	10	(D)	-	4	170	-	-	-	-	1	(D)	-
Ohio .....	607	7,173	124	114	1,211	41	708	439,567	94,133	4	13	-
Oklahoma .....	39	(D)	68	4	20	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	1,517	53,605	577	126	51,434	(D)	3	86	42	110	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	1,360	31,577	176	84	610	40	573	506,234	96,266	6	116	-
Rhode Island .....	68	549	(D)	6	24	18	18	2,572	259	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	131	1,513	227	206	11,890	638	-	-	-	1	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	9	52	(D)	6	15	(D)	-	-	-	7	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	146	2,097	27	8	46	-	8	112	33	1	(D)	-
Texas .....	152	2,289	426	50	2,397	190	-	-	-	3	5	(D)
Utah .....	26	75	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	288	3,607	12	3	7	(D)	1,553	4,348,163	999,391	4	135	(D)
Virginia .....	594	10,000	48	88	1,174	8	31	19,767	1,800	5	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	637	8,327	682	85	(D)	(D)	4	36	4	128	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	211	2,363	55	4	70	-	55	8,804	1,341	2	(D)	-
Wisconsin .....	868	23,651	1,073	15	198	(D)	1,155	682,299	66,115	41	4,580	1,709
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	(D)	-

**Table 9. Land in Farms, Harvested Cropland, Irrigated Land, and Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farms	Land in farms (acres)	Harvested cropland (acres)	Irrigated land (acres)	Market value of agricultural products sold (\$1,000)	
					Total	All crops
United States .....	244,974	69,421,278	38,946,620	15,288,373	83,377,662	76,099,264
Alabama .....	3,633	568,511	167,815	31,637	469,810	380,707
Alaska .....	298	75,406	4,340	1,193	19,302	18,846
Arizona .....	3,473	660,026	352,694	341,431	1,470,026	1,465,733
Arkansas .....	1,438	289,702	145,810	66,216	229,882	162,187
California .....	45,646	9,709,716	5,964,890	5,730,893	30,451,932	28,594,074
Colorado .....	2,382	1,164,448	554,403	423,307	1,029,391	923,633
Connecticut .....	2,299	131,218	47,568	8,201	351,735	336,994
Delaware .....	337	171,889	156,430	67,695	281,724	205,878
Florida .....	14,483	3,343,617	1,259,954	1,046,510	5,486,863	5,273,214
Georgia .....	6,208	1,683,163	832,869	382,062	1,829,673	1,564,553
Hawaii .....	5,236	254,469	75,173	21,162	317,931	309,385
Idaho .....	3,294	2,680,758	2,063,060	1,531,241	2,539,350	2,368,194
Illinois .....	3,254	762,238	629,542	119,820	900,190	868,186
Indiana .....	2,935	561,327	462,935	86,478	586,997	524,197
Iowa .....	2,295	239,328	155,089	8,865	279,196	215,634
Kansas .....	1,254	402,814	245,534	68,076	200,638	186,456
Kentucky .....	4,282	509,369	206,497	11,293	307,739	221,674
Louisiana .....	2,293	332,720	97,737	25,111	214,422	184,892
Maine .....	3,427	730,079	208,348	30,357	450,203	437,248
Maryland .....	1,632	284,433	201,545	56,388	470,096	409,556
Massachusetts .....	3,231	220,927	64,061	22,902	373,777	360,443
Michigan .....	9,731	2,200,757	1,684,515	258,945	2,754,847	2,529,893
Minnesota .....	5,075	2,798,543	2,461,926	224,865	3,048,687	2,469,528
Mississippi .....	2,758	488,209	233,351	62,457	337,174	280,320
Missouri .....	3,258	564,659	304,302	74,538	357,310	298,285
Montana .....	2,066	5,330,392	2,852,375	189,078	901,732	740,346
Nebraska .....	1,795	1,746,812	942,789	667,847	1,029,364	866,676
Nevada .....	306	82,620	56,720	56,554	110,481	100,009
New Hampshire .....	1,737	216,901	33,715	2,585	109,302	91,364
New Jersey .....	3,312	280,234	171,365	78,468	789,578	784,210
New Mexico .....	4,979	1,294,930	215,946	216,202	501,815	367,382
New York .....	9,416	1,553,227	812,391	54,532	1,620,827	1,368,349
North Carolina .....	8,213	1,420,017	866,290	73,675	2,185,228	1,824,104
North Dakota .....	2,753	7,507,018	6,165,958	109,200	3,150,705	3,041,678
Ohio .....	6,169	647,759	392,508	30,397	865,493	800,430
Oklahoma .....	3,574	1,356,667	398,128	45,732	436,200	319,183
Oregon .....	9,319	1,651,860	1,065,985	574,347	2,597,832	2,491,729
Pennsylvania .....	9,913	996,452	518,521	30,874	1,780,577	1,426,566
Rhode Island .....	547	29,862	9,987	3,784	48,073	47,382
South Carolina .....	3,344	525,430	234,176	65,320	532,819	463,412
South Dakota .....	469	664,105	381,730	35,259	342,533	192,304
Tennessee .....	3,266	398,799	196,315	29,625	474,055	436,166
Texas .....	10,987	4,279,451	1,262,236	596,270	2,451,908	2,183,461
Utah .....	1,490	186,535	66,100	67,335	216,486	189,779
Vermont .....	3,029	426,073	87,913	3,162	219,106	111,480
Virginia .....	4,538	629,462	249,992	28,824	621,592	512,089
Washington .....	10,074	4,834,255	2,075,607	1,164,508	5,669,689	5,532,963
West Virginia .....	1,876	215,874	40,264	1,434	83,058	72,639
Wisconsin .....	7,214	1,682,844	1,074,508	295,505	1,666,310	1,392,541
Wyoming .....	436	635,373	194,713	166,213	214,005	153,314

**Table 10. Legal Status for Tax Purposes on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Total		Family or individual		Partnership	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
United States .....	244,974	14,004,762	190,937	5,496,256	21,644	3,285,421
Alabama .....	3,633	62,949	3,125	36,899	228	10,472
Alaska .....	298	1,429	237	973	25	127
Arizona .....	3,473	193,269	2,844	46,376	257	64,941
Arkansas .....	1,438	32,527	1,197	16,373	94	10,030
California .....	45,646	4,338,625	33,503	1,295,484	5,826	1,272,165
Colorado .....	2,382	150,386	1,667	60,085	281	37,709
Connecticut .....	2,299	26,464	1,732	11,246	236	3,661
Delaware .....	337	41,442	194	12,111	39	5,626
Florida .....	14,483	957,991	9,844	216,998	1,019	220,473
Georgia .....	6,208	277,760	5,108	119,934	397	78,311
Hawaii .....	5,236	73,676	4,261	18,072	340	5,332
Idaho .....	3,294	629,276	2,340	249,921	353	204,615
Illinois .....	3,254	106,556	2,460	52,364	246	20,223
Indiana .....	2,935	63,252	2,392	32,267	176	11,021
Iowa .....	2,295	18,931	1,883	12,478	144	1,407
Kansas .....	1,254	37,003	1,039	15,170	70	6,176
Kentucky .....	4,282	17,745	3,751	12,004	234	2,752
Louisiana .....	2,293	42,862	1,915	25,234	144	11,445
Maine .....	3,427	124,378	2,802	47,516	249	19,551
Maryland .....	1,632	48,208	1,207	18,278	144	8,512
Massachusetts .....	3,231	43,679	2,442	19,459	280	6,810
Michigan .....	9,731	552,962	7,459	256,118	949	124,371
Minnesota .....	5,075	415,541	3,980	231,112	387	75,341
Mississippi .....	2,758	67,180	2,432	44,363	143	10,860
Missouri .....	3,258	54,092	2,739	27,318	226	10,750
Montana .....	2,066	543,524	1,300	239,670	219	62,102
Nebraska .....	1,795	172,175	1,294	73,969	138	41,740
Nevada .....	306	16,488	207	2,490	29	(D)
New Hampshire .....	1,737	10,542	1,407	6,545	165	1,968
New Jersey .....	3,312	102,804	2,466	37,317	352	19,558
New Mexico .....	4,979	86,585	4,491	31,047	169	19,385
New York .....	9,416	290,232	7,430	127,005	832	59,653
North Carolina .....	8,213	229,124	6,560	97,052	630	32,294
North Dakota .....	2,753	1,158,921	2,229	822,753	324	221,077
Ohio .....	6,169	75,782	5,097	35,153	417	10,142
Oklahoma .....	3,574	136,575	3,141	100,595	212	19,284
Oregon .....	9,319	488,082	6,908	136,191	856	86,282
Pennsylvania .....	9,913	147,055	8,337	80,623	704	24,754
Rhode Island .....	547	7,902	365	2,569	72	(D)
South Carolina .....	3,344	85,589	2,863	30,662	182	18,806
South Dakota .....	469	31,773	335	14,871	32	6,700
Tennessee .....	3,266	74,000	2,864	44,745	194	6,975
Texas .....	10,987	428,334	9,057	205,156	962	111,076
Utah .....	1,490	21,730	1,127	5,703	143	4,651
Vermont .....	3,029	11,236	2,475	7,096	289	2,059
Virginia .....	4,538	71,287	3,499	30,058	406	13,084
Washington .....	10,074	1,012,658	7,243	334,060	1,125	221,766
West Virginia .....	1,876	12,482	1,651	7,603	93	491
Wisconsin .....	7,214	367,253	5,728	120,717	568	67,626
Wyoming .....	436	44,448	310	24,456	44	8,649

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**Table 10. Legal Status for Tax Purposes on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Corporation (family held)		Corporation (other than family held)		Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
United States .....	23,706	4,148,989	3,488	770,016	5,199	304,081
Alabama .....	214	13,440	25	1,313	41	825
Alaska .....	26	210	3	(D)	7	(D)
Arizona .....	237	49,577	68	24,122	67	8,253
Arkansas .....	104	5,138	12	28	31	958
California .....	3,976	1,292,197	694	311,978	1,647	166,802
Colorado .....	332	42,475	42	6,043	60	4,075
Connecticut .....	202	8,989	42	1,623	87	945
Delaware .....	81	23,454	3	(D)	20	(D)
Florida .....	2,814	430,108	486	70,946	320	19,465
Georgia .....	522	65,344	83	11,625	98	2,546
Hawaii .....	367	13,321	116	35,937	152	1,013
Idaho .....	491	160,267	47	10,813	63	3,660
Illinois .....	412	30,783	61	(D)	75	(D)
Indiana .....	284	17,727	37	(D)	46	(D)
Iowa .....	205	4,693	27	212	36	140
Kansas .....	106	14,161	15	1,353	24	144
Kentucky .....	212	2,505	32	220	53	263
Louisiana .....	170	5,070	27	735	37	378
Maine .....	276	52,878	25	675	75	3,758
Maryland .....	218	19,097	36	2,099	27	221
Massachusetts .....	310	12,571	66	3,294	133	1,544
Michigan .....	1,047	152,844	101	15,188	175	4,441
Minnesota .....	607	101,977	52	3,901	49	3,210
Mississippi .....	132	8,197	26	2,296	25	1,465
Missouri .....	216	13,629	19	820	58	1,576
Montana .....	465	216,736	40	17,318	42	7,698
Nebraska .....	305	53,473	28	1,638	30	1,355
Nevada .....	45	5,299	7	(D)	18	18
New Hampshire .....	87	1,574	24	182	54	274
New Jersey .....	399	38,555	47	6,074	48	1,299
New Mexico .....	198	17,818	25	(D)	96	(D)
New York .....	920	94,787	133	5,497	101	3,290
North Carolina .....	818	89,350	80	8,690	125	1,738
North Dakota .....	169	103,676	10	5,393	21	6,021
Ohio .....	487	27,382	61	2,458	107	648
Oklahoma .....	142	13,198	16	1,081	63	2,417
Oregon .....	1,196	178,115	165	80,228	194	7,267
Pennsylvania .....	704	39,294	81	1,602	87	783
Rhode Island .....	90	3,771	10	91	10	(D)
South Carolina .....	219	29,139	34	5,989	46	992
South Dakota .....	81	8,712	7	90	14	1,400
Tennessee .....	117	10,073	32	11,921	59	285
Texas .....	680	82,827	104	19,376	184	9,900
Utah .....	129	8,934	34	993	57	1,448
Vermont .....	161	1,832	60	147	44	103
Virginia .....	511	25,560	74	1,762	48	822
Washington .....	1,364	382,569	170	59,510	172	14,753
West Virginia .....	75	4,010	6	40	51	338
Wisconsin .....	710	160,989	90	15,332	118	2,590
Wyoming .....	73	10,662	5	(D)	4	(D)

**Table 11. Hired Farm Labor on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	All hired labor		Workers by days worked				Migrant labor	
	Farms	Workers	Less than 150 days		150 days or more		On farms with hired labor (farms)	On farms reporting only contract labor (farms)
			Farms	Workers	Farms	Workers		
United States .....	105,423	1,351,219	81,528	883,567	55,397	467,652	10,858	1,878
Alabama .....	1,239	7,652	976	4,834	541	2,818	74	19
Alaska .....	114	876	102	709	41	167	1	-
Arizona .....	1,211	15,553	899	7,309	576	8,244	51	7
Arkansas .....	477	3,287	388	2,340	218	947	27	4
California .....	24,003	414,564	16,638	241,065	13,914	173,499	2,579	690
Colorado .....	1,165	13,480	925	8,880	721	4,600	172	23
Connecticut .....	820	8,356	633	4,471	479	3,885	65	1
Delaware .....	197	1,632	145	981	136	651	29	6
Florida .....	6,085	81,058	3,955	44,588	3,539	36,470	564	299
Georgia .....	2,492	24,320	1,884	17,153	1,212	7,167	254	66
Hawaii .....	1,614	9,290	1,164	4,909	794	4,381	57	47
Idaho .....	1,936	23,809	1,552	16,517	1,228	7,292	322	24
Illinois .....	1,462	14,285	1,214	8,847	731	5,438	83	6
Indiana .....	1,143	8,030	990	6,003	487	2,027	74	9
Iowa .....	820	5,260	713	3,945	288	1,315	9	2
Kansas .....	473	3,517	387	2,572	231	945	11	-
Kentucky .....	1,392	6,850	1,164	4,895	516	1,955	131	25
Louisiana .....	825	4,789	622	3,046	369	1,743	67	13
Maine .....	1,304	11,201	1,170	8,220	585	2,981	87	15
Maryland .....	787	6,493	615	3,617	441	2,876	95	6
Massachusetts .....	1,330	10,250	1,070	6,274	735	3,976	101	4
Michigan .....	4,496	52,134	3,873	38,977	2,160	13,157	664	74
Minnesota .....	2,655	18,773	2,249	13,572	1,213	5,201	164	3
Mississippi .....	966	5,854	767	4,196	397	1,658	70	11
Missouri .....	1,103	7,157	949	5,391	453	1,766	48	1
Montana .....	951	4,673	676	3,029	586	1,644	79	25
Nebraska .....	932	5,802	730	4,023	486	1,779	41	5
Nevada .....	158	1,989	134	1,072	92	917	12	6
New Hampshire .....	537	3,897	452	2,871	260	1,026	27	-
New Jersey .....	1,399	20,658	992	13,873	885	6,785	258	14
New Mexico .....	1,447	8,522	1,116	5,442	651	3,080	49	10
New York .....	3,736	35,092	3,054	21,960	2,079	13,132	608	34
North Carolina .....	3,506	34,791	2,779	21,702	1,777	13,089	725	110
North Dakota .....	1,726	8,291	1,282	5,443	1,086	2,848	146	3
Ohio .....	2,278	21,473	1,971	14,801	965	6,672	144	5
Oklahoma .....	1,045	6,356	829	3,454	424	2,902	19	5
Oregon .....	4,411	76,947	3,714	56,715	2,290	20,232	597	75
Pennsylvania .....	3,874	31,244	3,221	18,651	1,663	12,593	249	17
Rhode Island .....	263	1,501	191	886	173	615	6	-
South Carolina .....	1,133	9,969	869	6,093	503	3,876	97	10
South Dakota .....	237	1,469	194	946	128	523	4	-
Tennessee .....	1,213	8,411	1,030	5,806	482	2,605	144	21
Texas .....	4,076	30,102	2,777	14,792	2,366	15,310	226	60
Utah .....	539	4,998	473	3,363	209	1,635	45	2
Vermont .....	996	4,427	800	2,935	475	1,492	56	1
Virginia .....	1,871	14,826	1,529	9,372	876	5,454	151	26
Washington .....	5,464	230,645	4,746	184,456	3,180	46,189	1,236	75
West Virginia .....	434	2,621	375	1,825	137	796	18	1
Wisconsin .....	2,853	22,883	2,383	16,033	1,473	6,850	94	6
Wyoming .....	235	1,162	167	713	146	449	28	12

Table 12. Principal Operator Characteristics on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012

Geographic area	Operators	Sex of operator		Primary occupation		Days worked off farm	
		Male	Female	Farming	Other	None	Any
United States .....	244,974	207,408	37,566	134,649	110,325	98,782	146,192
Alabama .....	3,633	3,122	511	1,823	1,810	1,521	2,112
Alaska .....	298	172	126	175	123	139	159
Arizona .....	3,473	2,296	1,177	2,443	1,030	1,494	1,979
Arkansas .....	1,438	1,235	203	695	743	568	870
California .....	45,646	39,185	6,461	25,692	19,954	17,931	27,715
Colorado .....	2,382	1,962	420	1,452	930	1,075	1,307
Connecticut .....	2,299	1,864	435	1,173	1,126	845	1,454
Delaware .....	337	300	37	253	84	219	118
Florida .....	14,483	12,117	2,366	7,637	6,846	6,218	8,265
Georgia .....	6,208	5,345	863	3,058	3,150	2,557	3,651
Hawaii .....	5,236	4,031	1,205	2,850	2,386	1,669	3,567
Idaho .....	3,294	2,952	342	2,344	950	1,676	1,618
Illinois .....	3,254	2,841	413	1,721	1,533	1,305	1,949
Indiana .....	2,935	2,588	347	1,395	1,540	1,013	1,922
Iowa .....	2,295	1,914	381	1,112	1,183	791	1,504
Kansas .....	1,254	1,054	200	595	659	449	805
Kentucky .....	4,282	3,705	577	2,052	2,230	1,447	2,835
Louisiana .....	2,293	1,999	294	1,027	1,266	835	1,458
Maine .....	3,427	2,496	931	1,837	1,590	1,289	2,138
Maryland .....	1,632	1,379	253	967	665	705	927
Massachusetts .....	3,231	2,396	835	1,788	1,443	1,183	2,048
Michigan .....	9,731	8,492	1,239	5,768	3,963	4,302	5,429
Minnesota .....	5,075	4,453	622	3,221	1,854	2,112	2,963
Mississippi .....	2,758	2,414	344	1,389	1,369	1,079	1,679
Missouri .....	3,258	2,796	462	1,604	1,654	1,102	2,156
Montana .....	2,066	1,751	315	1,505	561	1,085	981
Nebraska .....	1,795	1,559	236	1,078	717	812	983
Nevada .....	306	250	56	191	115	118	188
New Hampshire .....	1,737	1,332	405	912	825	630	1,107
New Jersey .....	3,312	2,831	481	1,767	1,545	1,324	1,988
New Mexico .....	4,979	4,117	862	2,310	2,669	1,720	3,259
New York .....	9,416	7,983	1,433	5,548	3,868	4,066	5,350
North Carolina .....	8,213	7,171	1,042	4,458	3,755	3,352	4,861
North Dakota .....	2,753	2,675	78	2,422	331	1,754	999
Ohio .....	6,169	5,332	837	2,972	3,197	2,190	3,979
Oklahoma .....	3,574	3,153	421	1,717	1,857	1,386	2,188
Oregon .....	9,319	7,531	1,788	5,048	4,271	3,878	5,441
Pennsylvania .....	9,913	8,638	1,275	5,701	4,212	4,032	5,881
Rhode Island .....	547	408	139	303	244	204	343
South Carolina .....	3,344	2,860	484	1,609	1,735	1,335	2,009
South Dakota .....	469	422	47	258	211	188	281
Tennessee .....	3,266	2,850	416	1,702	1,564	1,298	1,968
Texas .....	10,987	9,422	1,565	5,582	5,405	4,333	6,654
Utah .....	1,490	1,260	230	698	792	534	956
Vermont .....	3,029	2,449	580	1,449	1,580	1,007	2,022
Virginia .....	4,538	3,639	899	2,264	2,274	1,750	2,788
Washington .....	10,074	8,350	1,724	5,946	4,128	4,362	5,712
West Virginia .....	1,876	1,567	309	830	1,046	659	1,217
Wisconsin .....	7,214	6,372	842	3,979	3,235	2,979	4,235
Wyoming .....	436	378	58	329	107	262	174

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Table 12. Principal Operator Characteristics on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012 (continued)

Geographic area	Percent of operator's total household income from farming					Average age of operator
	Less than 25 percent	25 to 49 percent	50 to 74 percent	75 to 99 percent	100 percent	
United States .....	161,276	20,534	24,401	19,601	19,162	58.3
Alabama .....	2,825	232	248	181	147	60.5
Alaska .....	196	33	30	20	19	55.5
Arizona .....	2,692	253	202	142	184	61.2
Arkansas .....	1,026	115	121	85	91	57.5
California .....	28,717	4,640	5,662	3,698	2,929	60.3
Colorado .....	1,409	208	236	238	291	57.3
Connecticut .....	1,752	132	170	104	141	58.9
Delaware .....	152	24	54	50	57	57.3
Florida .....	10,382	1,112	1,301	783	905	60.4
Georgia .....	4,454	478	548	340	388	59.6
Hawaii .....	3,685	521	491	235	304	60.7
Idaho .....	1,381	330	505	496	582	55.2
Illinois .....	2,054	294	316	342	248	56.1
Indiana .....	1,871	249	317	241	257	53.9
Iowa .....	1,535	232	194	186	148	55.2
Kansas .....	866	116	106	87	79	58.0
Kentucky .....	2,998	347	372	325	240	54.9
Louisiana .....	1,810	160	139	78	106	59.3
Maine .....	2,285	303	346	207	286	56.4
Maryland .....	1,006	119	173	172	162	57.4
Massachusetts .....	2,058	273	375	228	297	56.5
Michigan .....	5,771	853	1,110	936	1,061	56.8
Minnesota .....	2,486	472	733	815	569	56.0
Mississippi .....	2,174	199	188	84	113	59.6
Missouri .....	2,245	277	301	249	186	55.6
Montana .....	842	135	296	421	372	56.8
Nebraska .....	917	151	222	255	250	55.0
Nevada .....	211	28	11	34	22	59.4
New Hampshire .....	1,310	107	143	71	106	58.0
New Jersey .....	2,320	191	292	211	298	59.3
New Mexico .....	4,171	270	227	176	135	60.6
New York .....	5,875	841	978	824	898	56.9
North Carolina .....	5,614	639	806	554	600	58.2
North Dakota .....	404	162	479	917	791	52.7
Ohio .....	4,216	519	536	475	423	55.4
Oklahoma .....	2,606	367	271	216	114	60.7
Oregon .....	6,378	698	807	709	727	58.7
Pennsylvania .....	5,985	758	906	1,121	1,143	54.3
Rhode Island .....	333	84	44	33	53	56.6
South Carolina .....	2,664	189	213	132	146	59.8
South Dakota .....	241	46	67	65	50	54.5
Tennessee .....	2,311	280	272	180	223	57.3
Texas .....	8,406	737	752	579	513	61.4
Utah .....	1,181	95	87	55	72	60.0
Vermont .....	2,128	236	310	174	181	56.2
Virginia .....	3,247	346	376	266	303	58.1
Washington .....	6,143	833	1,117	949	1,032	57.6
West Virginia .....	1,554	121	106	42	53	58.6
Wisconsin .....	4,237	679	778	744	776	56.3
Wyoming .....	152	50	67	76	91	55.5

**Table 13. Race and Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin of Principal Operator on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Operators	Operators reporting one race					Operators reporting more than one race	Operators reporting Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origin
		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White		
United States .....	244,974	4,254	8,980	3,576	674	225,676	1,814	15,371
Alabama .....	3,633	37	10	321	1	3,233	31	46
Alaska .....	298	8	1	-	-	286	3	6
Arizona .....	3,473	1,662	57	10	-	1,722	22	171
Arkansas .....	1,438	22	11	56	-	1,341	8	15
California .....	45,646	584	4,181	176	204	40,172	329	6,743
Colorado .....	2,382	11	33	5	6	2,308	19	106
Connecticut .....	2,299	8	13	6	-	2,246	26	36
Delaware .....	337	-	1	1	-	334	1	6
Florida .....	14,483	93	568	359	24	13,380	59	2,068
Georgia .....	6,208	16	44	350	7	5,765	26	49
Hawaii .....	5,236	20	2,424	14	339	2,033	406	257
Idaho .....	3,294	9	40	7	5	3,219	14	86
Illinois .....	3,254	6	19	12	-	3,202	15	45
Indiana .....	2,935	-	10	2	-	2,913	10	16
Iowa .....	2,295	3	22	7	1	2,247	15	13
Kansas .....	1,254	15	5	3	1	1,221	9	27
Kentucky .....	4,282	22	10	17	2	4,202	29	29
Louisiana .....	2,293	41	24	165	7	2,039	17	67
Maine .....	3,427	9	3	67	-	3,318	30	15
Maryland .....	1,632	4	17	30	-	1,569	12	27
Massachusetts .....	3,231	5	62	72	1	3,086	5	89
Michigan .....	9,731	48	23	80	8	9,536	36	211
Minnesota .....	5,075	18	229	7	3	4,812	6	28
Mississippi .....	2,758	7	4	427	4	2,299	17	56
Missouri .....	3,258	14	22	11	4	3,171	36	27
Montana .....	2,066	35	7	-	2	2,018	4	14
Nebraska .....	1,795	-	2	1	-	1,788	4	25
Nevada .....	306	18	11	-	-	275	2	10
New Hampshire .....	1,737	2	3	22	-	1,693	17	11
New Jersey .....	3,312	3	73	16	4	3,203	13	52
New Mexico .....	4,979	605	18	16	-	4,291	49	2,165
New York .....	9,416	17	57	23	4	9,276	39	104
North Carolina .....	8,213	45	40	227	-	7,868	33	111
North Dakota .....	2,753	7	2	-	-	2,743	1	9
Ohio .....	6,169	15	14	15	-	6,103	22	59
Oklahoma .....	3,574	316	18	96	3	3,043	98	48
Oregon .....	9,319	40	198	11	11	9,004	55	308
Pennsylvania .....	9,913	19	26	8	5	9,823	32	72
Rhode Island .....	547	-	13	4	-	530	-	2
South Carolina .....	3,344	34	13	346	-	2,936	15	30
South Dakota .....	469	14	-	-	-	453	2	2
Tennessee .....	3,266	38	14	43	-	3,158	13	42
Texas .....	10,987	145	111	349	-	10,301	81	1,034
Utah .....	1,490	47	14	1	4	1,422	2	49
Vermont .....	3,029	11	8	17	4	2,972	17	21
Virginia .....	4,538	38	34	147	-	4,303	16	55
Washington .....	10,074	118	324	13	18	9,500	101	852
West Virginia .....	1,876	12	5	4	-	1,848	7	20
Wisconsin .....	7,214	12	140	12	2	7,039	9	27
Wyoming .....	436	1	2	-	-	432	1	10

**Table 14. Selected Operator Characteristics on Farms with Specialty Crops – United States and States: 2012**

[Data are for a maximum of three operators. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Operators	Women operators	Average age of operators	Operators reporting one race					Operators reporting more than one race	Operators reporting Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin
				American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White		
United States .....	388,708	124,237	56.2	6,845	14,086	5,082	1,027	358,712	2,956	24,460
Alabama .....	5,532	1,699	58.2	54	16	441	4	4,972	45	63
Alaska .....	486	243	53.7	13	2	-	1	465	5	15
Arizona .....	5,741	2,376	57.7	2,824	73	20	6	2,786	32	296
Arkansas .....	2,292	793	55.2	31	25	77	-	2,138	21	22
California .....	70,800	20,179	58.2	861	6,471	269	284	62,388	527	10,577
Colorado .....	3,977	1,377	55.1	20	58	14	8	3,848	29	187
Connecticut .....	3,718	1,309	56.5	10	16	10	-	3,641	41	57
Delaware .....	573	157	55.5	1	2	2	-	566	2	7
Florida .....	22,190	6,865	58.4	132	914	506	44	20,476	118	3,170
Georgia .....	9,250	2,676	57.6	25	78	478	8	8,627	34	78
Hawaii .....	7,982	2,953	59.0	37	3,487	16	504	3,267	671	396
Idaho .....	5,382	1,463	53.2	21	75	8	5	5,247	26	164
Illinois .....	5,200	1,640	54.5	6	43	29	-	5,100	22	83
Indiana .....	4,760	1,590	51.9	3	20	2	1	4,720	14	28
Iowa .....	3,850	1,462	53.5	4	38	7	2	3,781	18	32
Kansas .....	2,056	721	55.8	20	12	4	2	2,006	12	53
Kentucky .....	6,883	2,344	53.0	29	27	26	6	6,758	37	47
Louisiana .....	3,523	1,145	57.4	48	43	238	12	3,160	22	125
Maine .....	5,601	2,215	54.7	24	5	68	3	5,446	55	42
Maryland .....	2,682	852	55.1	5	31	42	-	2,587	17	55
Massachusetts .....	5,129	1,936	54.5	8	116	101	1	4,895	8	128
Michigan .....	15,623	4,695	54.8	68	44	119	10	15,307	75	318
Minnesota .....	8,147	2,402	54.2	24	375	12	4	7,712	20	59
Mississippi .....	4,216	1,328	57.3	16	10	600	4	3,556	30	93
Missouri .....	5,381	1,936	53.7	27	42	15	8	5,224	65	40
Montana .....	3,359	1,029	55.5	56	16	2	2	3,272	11	20
Nebraska .....	2,963	953	53.4	2	2	1	-	2,950	8	54
Nevada .....	556	227	55.6	30	20	-	-	504	2	28
New Hampshire .....	2,893	1,125	55.8	3	6	35	-	2,831	18	19
New Jersey .....	5,315	1,656	56.8	5	135	26	7	5,123	19	94
New Mexico .....	7,900	2,777	58.4	972	41	16	5	6,801	65	3,301
New York .....	14,994	4,807	54.8	32	106	38	4	14,739	75	171
North Carolina .....	12,689	3,661	56.1	93	92	334	2	12,115	53	180
North Dakota .....	4,164	765	51.7	10	2	-	-	4,151	1	20
Ohio .....	10,076	3,271	53.1	20	28	19	2	9,980	27	99
Oklahoma .....	5,656	1,898	58.3	506	39	128	6	4,832	145	76
Oregon .....	15,378	5,640	56.6	80	312	17	23	14,839	107	569
Pennsylvania .....	15,747	4,817	52.2	22	42	18	6	15,607	52	143
Rhode Island .....	915	339	53.5	-	17	4	-	894	-	7
South Carolina .....	5,061	1,526	57.7	53	24	494	2	4,460	28	50
South Dakota .....	819	255	51.9	27	-	-	-	788	4	5
Tennessee .....	5,148	1,589	55.3	46	20	64	1	4,988	29	59
Texas .....	17,280	5,686	59.1	194	195	519	6	16,233	133	1,648
Utah .....	2,441	783	57.1	74	17	1	9	2,334	6	67
Vermont .....	5,032	1,863	54.2	15	17	22	4	4,944	30	49
Virginia .....	7,370	2,649	55.9	51	82	189	-	7,015	33	114
Washington .....	16,504	5,508	55.7	193	581	26	25	15,541	138	1,446
West Virginia .....	2,935	1,018	56.5	20	9	5	1	2,890	10	27
Wisconsin .....	11,816	3,818	54.3	29	258	20	5	11,489	15	65
Wyoming .....	723	221	53.9	1	2	-	-	719	1	14

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# Appendix

## Methodology and General Terms

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### METHODOLOGY

This publication is a special tabulation of data collected in the 2012 Census of Agriculture. For methodology description, please refer to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, at [http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full\\_Report/Volume\\_1,\\_Chapter\\_1\\_US/usappa.pdf](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_1_US/usappa.pdf).

### TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and explanations provide a detailed description of specific terms and phrases used in this publication. Items in the publication tables which carry the note "See text" also are explained. For more details relating to the census of agriculture program, go to the NASS website at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>.

**Acres.** Crops were reported in whole acres, except for the following crops that were reported in tenths of acres: nursery and greenhouse crops in the open, vegetables including potatoes and sweet potatoes, fruit and nut crops including land in orchards, and berries. Totals for crops reported in tenths of acres were rounded to whole acres at the aggregate level during the tabulation process. Nursery and greenhouse crops grown under glass or other protection were reported in square feet but were converted to acres for this report. Acres of maple syrup were not defined and were not included in total acres but are included in the farm count.

If two or more crops were harvested from the same land during the year (double cropping), the acres were counted for each crop. Therefore, the sum of all the individual crops harvested generally exceeded the acres of harvested cropland. For this publication, land in vegetables, land in berries, land in orchards, horticulture acres in the open, and area under protection are used and not the sum of individual crops on those acres. This represents the acres used,

regardless of the number of crops or number of times the acres were harvested. See Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture for additional explanation.

If a crop was planted but not harvested, the acres were not reported as harvested. This does not include fruit and nut orchards, vineyards, berries, acres in production for cut Christmas trees, and acres in production for short rotation woody crops that were not harvested. Acreage for these commodities was included in cropland harvested whether the crop was harvested or not. Pulse crops harvested were included regardless of double cropping that may have occurred on the same acres. Cropland in abandoned orchards is not included.

**Average age.** Data on age were obtained from up to three operators per farm in 2012. Average age is published for the principal operator and for up to three farm operators on the operation.

**Berries.** See Land in Berries.

**Citrus.** This is a summation of the total acres defined as citrus such as oranges, grapefruit, lemons, and mandarins.

**Crop year or production year.** Acres and quantity harvested are for the calendar year 2012 except for citrus crops in Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas; avocados in Florida, California, and Arizona; olives in California and Arizona; and pineapples and coffee in Hawaii.

1. Avocados. The data for Florida relate to the quantity in the April 2012 through March 2013 harvest season; for California and Arizona, the November 2011 through November 2012 harvest season.
2. Citrus crops. The data for Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas relate to the quantity harvested in the September

2011 through August 2012 harvest season, except for lime data in Florida and Texas, which relate to the April 2012 through March 2013 harvest season. The citrus crops data for California and Arizona relate to the 2012 through 2013 harvest season.

3. Olives. The data for California and Arizona relate to the September 2011 through March 2012 harvest season.
4. Pineapples. The data for Hawaii relate to the quantity harvested in the year ending May 31, 2012.

**Cut Christmas trees.** Data are for acres of Christmas trees in production, either cut or to be cut, the number of these acres irrigated, and the value of sales of the harvested trees.

**Farms.** The term “farms” and “farms reporting” in the presentation of data are equivalent. Both represent the number of farms reporting the item. For example, if there are 3,710 farms in a State and 842 farms had 28,594 acres of tree nuts, the data for those farms reporting tree nuts would appear as:

**Farms with specialty crops by percent of principal operator's total household income from farming.** These data are for the principal operator only.

**Farms by size.** All farms were classified into size groups according to the land in farms. Land in farms includes land owned plus land rented from others (not including AUM land) minus land rented to others

**Farms by legal status for tax purposes.** All farms were classified by legal status in the 2012 census. In the 2007 census, this category was referred to as Farms by type of organization. This section collects information for federal tax purposes to determine an operation's legal status. The classifications used were:

1. Family or individual (sole proprietorship), excluding partnership and corporation.
2. Partnership, including family partnership.
3. Corporation, subclassified as family held or other than family held.

4. Other, cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.

**Fruits, tree nuts, and berries.** See Land in orchards.

**Harvested cropland.** This category includes land from which crops were harvested and forage and hay were cut, land used to grow short-rotation woody crops and Christmas trees, land in orchards, groves, vineyards, berries, nurseries, and greenhouses. Land from which two or more crops were harvested was counted only once. Land in tapped maple trees was included in woodland not pastured.

**Hired farm labor.** Data are for total hired farm workers, including paid family members, by number of days worked.

**Irrigated land.** This category includes all land watered by any artificial or controlled means, such as sprinklers, flooding, furrows or ditches, subirrigation, and spreader dikes. Included are supplemental, partial, and preplant irrigation. Each acre was counted only once regardless of the number of times it was irrigated or harvested.

**Land in farms.** The acreage designated as “land in farms” consists primarily of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. It is land owned plus land rented from others (not including AUM land) minus land rented to others. It also includes woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator’s total operation. Large acreages of woodland or wasteland held for nonagricultural purposes were deleted from individual reports during the edit process. Land in farms includes CRP, WRP, FWP, and CREP acres. For definitions of these types of land, please refer to 2012 Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Appendix B.

Land in farms is an operating unit concept and includes land owned and operated as well as land rented from others (not included AUM land). Land used rent free was reported as land rented from others. All grazing land, except land used under government permits on a per-head basis, was included as "land in farms" provided it was part of a farm or ranch. Land under the exclusive use of a grazing association was reported by the grazing

association and included in the grazing association farm as land in farms. All land in American Indian reservations used for growing crops, grazing livestock, or the potential of grazing livestock was included as land in farms. Land in reservations not reported by reservation, individual American Indians, or non- Native Americans was reported in the name of the cooperative group that used the land. In some instances, an entire American Indian reservation was reported as one farm.

**Land in berries.** This category is the total acres of berries grown, which includes acres harvested and not harvested. The data are comparable with the berries data in the 2007 Specialty Crops publication.

**Land in orchards.** This category is the total acres of fruit and tree nuts, which includes both bearing and non-bearing age. Respondents were instructed not to report abandoned plantings and plantings of fewer than 20 total fruit, citrus, or nut trees or grapevines. In the 2007 Specialty Crops publication, Land in orchards was not published separately but was combined with acreage of berries.

**Land in vegetables.** This category is the land planted to vegetable crops, including melons. It is not the sum of the individual vegetable crops which may be double cropped on the land in vegetables. The data are comparable with the vegetables, potatoes, and melons data in the 2007 Specialty Crops publication.

**Maple syrup.** Data are for farms and the gallons of syrup produced.

**Market value of agricultural products sold.** This category represents the gross market value before taxes and production expenses of all agricultural products sold or removed from the place in 2012 regardless of who received the payment. It is equivalent to total sales and it includes sales by the operators as well as the value of any shares received by partners, landlords, contractors, or others associated with the operation. It includes the value of direct sales, but not the value of commodities placed in Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loan programs. Market value of agricultural products sold does not include payments received for participation in other federal farm programs. Also, it does not include income from farm-related sources such as

customwork and other agricultural services, or income from nonfarm sources.

**Market value of all crops.** Crops included in this category are the value of sales for all crops in the 2012 on farms with specialty crops. This includes, but is not limited to, row crops, small grains, forage crops, vegetables, orchards, vineyards, berries, horticulture, and other specialty crops.

The value of crops sold in 2012 does not necessarily represent the sales from crops harvested in 2012. Data may include sales from crops produced in earlier years and may exclude some crops produced in 2012 but held in storage and not sold.

The value of agricultural products sold was requested of all operators. If the operators failed to report this information, estimates were made based on the amount of crops harvested, livestock or poultry inventory, or number sold. Sales figures are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation.

**Migrant farm labor on farms with hired labor.** Operators were asked whether any hired or contract workers were migrant workers. A migrant farm worker is a farm worker whose employment required travel that prevented the worker from returning to his/her permanent place of residence the same day.

**Migrant farm labor on farms reporting only contract labor.** Data are for those operations that did not have hired farm workers but reported that they did have migrant contract workers on their operation in 2012.

**More than one race reported.** This category represents those operators who choose to report more than one race on the census form.

**Noncitrus fruit.** This is a summation of the fruit acres reported and defined as noncitrus such as apples, grapes, and plums.

**Nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture.** In the 2012 census, individual data were collected for area under glass or other protection, area in the open, and sales. In the 2007 census, total area in the open and area under protection were not asked. The total acres for

this category are not comparable with data in the 2007 Specialty Crop publication, Tables 1 and 2.

**Operator.** The term operator designates a person who operates a farm, either by doing the work or making day-to-day decisions about such things as planting, harvesting, feeding, and marketing. The operator may be the owner, a member of the owner's household, a hired manager, a tenant, a renter, or a sharecropper. If a person rents land to others or has land worked on shares by others, he/she is considered the operator only of the land which is retained for his/her own operation, if any. The census collected information on the total number of operators, the total number of women operators, and demographic information for up to three operators per farm.

**Operator characteristics.** Operators (up to three operators per farm) were asked to report primary occupation, sex, age, race, Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin, and a few other demographics. Information on the total number of operators and total number of women operators was collected from each operation.

**Operators, number.** Demographic and other information were collected for up to three operators per farm – the principal operator plus up to two additional operators. This may be fewer than the total operators on some farms. Demographic data for up to three operators reported are presented for women, race categories, and for Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin.

**Other specialty crops.** Data for this category relate to other specialty crops acres harvested and irrigated acres harvested. Commodities included in this category are dried herbs, ginger root, hops, jojoba, peppermint, pineapples harvested, spearmint, sweet corn for seed, and taro.

**Primary occupation of principal operator.** Data on age and primary occupation were obtained from up to three operators per farm. Data are reported for the principal operator only in this publication. The primary occupation classifications used were:

1. *Farming or ranch work.* The operator spent 50-percent or more of his/her worktime during 2012 at farming or ranching.

2. *Other.* The operator spent less than 50-percent of his/her worktime during 2012 in farming or ranching operations.

**Principal operator.** This is the person primarily responsible for the on-site, day-to-day operation of the farm or ranch business. This person may be the owner, tenant, hired manager, or business manager. See Operator for further explanation.

**Pulse crops.** Commodities included in this category are dry edible beans (including chickpeas, cowpeas, and limas), dry peas (including dry edible, wrinkled seed, and Austrian winter), and lentils. Data are for acres harvested and irrigated acres harvested.

**Race of operator.** With the exception of Hawaii, data were collected for American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White operators. Respondents were asked to mark one or more of the race categories. In Hawaii, operator race data were collected for American Indian or Alaska Native, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Other Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian, other Pacific Islander, and White. The combination of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander is equivalent to the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander category on the other forms. The combination of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, and Other Asian categories is equivalent to the Asian category on the other forms.

**Short rotation woody crops.** Acreage data are for acres in production of short rotation woody crops that grow from seed to a mature tree in 10 years or less. Value of sales data are for the trees that were harvested and sold. These are trees for use by the paper or pulp industry or as engineered wood. This does not include trees harvested for timber. Acres in production were included in Cropland harvested in the "Land" section of the census report form.

**Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin.** Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin are found in all of the racial groups listed in the census and were tabulated according to the race reported.

**Specialty crops.** Included in this category are fruits, tree nuts, berries, vegetables, potatoes, melons, pulse crops, nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, cut

Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops and other specialty crops.

**Tree nuts.** This category includes the acres in production reported in commodities defined as tree

nuts such as almonds, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. It does not include peanuts.